

BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH

WOMEN'S EMPHASIS MONTH



SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

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WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH • ATLANTA

10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025



THE ORGAN PRELUDE.....BRO. KELVIN THOMPSON

THE DOXOLOGY.....A.M.E. HYMN No. 647

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*The Call to Worship

Minister: I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go into the house of the Lord!” Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem! (Psalm 122:1-2)

People: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. (Psalm 84:10)

Minister: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God; I will seek your good. (Psalm 122:9)

People: They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God. (Psalm 92:13)

Minister: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house, and the place where your glory dwells. (Psalm 26:8)

People: But the Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. (Habakkuk 2:20)

Minister: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my Rock, and my Redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)

People: O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! I will sing of loyalty and of justice, to you, O Lord, I will sing. (Psalm 98:1,4)

THE HYMN OF PRAISE.....AME Hymn # 364 - My Hope Is Built

1. My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name

REFRAIN: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace; In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil. ~~REFRAIN~~
3. When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found! Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne! ~~REFRAIN~~

THE INVOCATION

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC.....BABCOCK-YOUNG VOICES OF UNITY

THE RESPONSIVE READING

REVELATION 21: 1-6

Minister: ¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

- People: ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
- Minister: ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God;
- People: ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”
- Minister: ⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.”
- All: ⁶ Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

THE PREFACE TO THE DECALOGUE.....(IN THE TUNE OF COME O MY SOUL!) AME HYMN #72
*From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator’s praise arise;
 let the Redeemer’s name be sung, through every land by every tongue.*

THE SUMMARY OF THE DECALOGUE
Hear what Christ our Savior said: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets”.

THE GLORIA PATRI.....AME HYMN #627
*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

THE WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL.....THE PHILIPPIAN MINISTRY

THE NEW MEMBERS RECOGNITION **DISCIPLESHIP NEW MEMBERS MINISTRY**

THE PASTOR’S WORDS

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC.....BABCOCK-YOUNG VOICES OF UNITY

THE SERMON.....REV. MONICA C. JONES, PH.D.,
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR & CHAPLAIN, BIG BETHEL VILLAGE

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP READING **Acts 20:35**
 (Remember Jesus’ words when he said) “It is more blessed to give than to receive.

THE WORSHIP IN GIVING: TITHES & OFFERING

THE CHORAL RESPONSE
 All things come of Thee O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee Amen.



THE BENEDICTION

REV. MONICA JONES

****VISITORS MAY REGISTER THEIR ATTENDANCE
ONLINE ON THE BIG BETHEL GUEST REGISTRATION
FORM. THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US
AND FEEL FREE TO COME AGAIN!!!!**



Thrive

BIG BETHEL AMEC | @BIGBETHELTHRIVES
Rev. Jessica Buford, Thrive Ministry Dir.

Min. Carmen Reid
Guest Preacher

You're Invited!

Come Worship With Us!!



May 18, 2025
2 PM



Big Bethel AME Church

Rev. John Foster, Ph.D., Senior Pastor

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Atlanta, GA 30303

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Let us remember our sick and shut-in with our prayers & calls.

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Rev. Betty Miley (770) 323-6841
Sis. Brenda Queen (404) 274-0705

Sis. Miriam Redding
Sis. Lillian Taylor (404) 284-6414

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

<u>Seventh Sunday of Easter</u>	First reading	Psalms	Second reading	Gospel
May 18, 2025	* Acts 11:1-18	Psalm 148	Revelation 21:1-6	John 13:31-35



May 16, 2025

Big Bethel AME Church Family:

Praise God for the 151st session of the Atlanta North Georgia Annual Conference!!! My ministerial classification has been changed from Itinerant Elder to Superannuate. Simply put, that means that Pastor Foster is now only Rev. Foster - retired from the active itinerant ministry.

For the immediate future, Bishop Mitchell has asked that I provide "Supply" temporary pastorship for the BBAMEC congregation. This period should only last a few days until the SED Planning Meeting on May 22-23, 2025. Until a time that a new pastor is appointed, we are all asked to carry on normal church operations including all the boards/auxiliaries that make up Big Bethel.

Thanks to the entire Big Bethel family for working with the Foster family over these past twelve years. The joyous memories of the members, ministries, and organizations will stay with us for a lifetime. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your pastor and first family.

We love you and will always pray for you!!! Please pray for the Foster Family as we enter this new chapter of our lives.

Sincerely,

Rev. John Foster, Ph.D.
Senior Pastor

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WOMEN'S EMPHASIS MONTH

"FOR ALL THE LADIES IN THE PLACE WITH STYLE & GRACE"
PSALMS 145:4 - "ONE GENERATION SHALL PRAISE YOUR
WORKS TO ANOTHER, AND SHALL DECLARE YOUR
MIGHTY ACTS."



Upcoming Events



MAY
3
LOVE FEAST
TBD
BOUQUET CLASS
2 PM - 4 PM

MAY
6
7 PM - 8:15 PM
\$2 TUESDAYS
LINE DANCE

MAY
10
TBD
CHAT & CHEW

MAY
13
7 PM - 8:15 PM
\$2 TUESDAYS
ZUMBA

MAY
20
7 PM - 8:15 PM
\$2 TUESDAYS
LINE DANCE

MAY
24
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM
TEA AROUND TOWN

MAY
25
10 AM
WOMEN'S EMPHASIS
DAY WORSHIP SERVICE

MAY
27
7 PM - 8:15 PM
\$2 TUESDAYS
ZUMBA

MAY
30
2:00 PM (DROP OFF)
/ 5:00 PM IN PERSON
TRINITY HOUSE
TEAM DINNER





BIG BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH
WOMEN'S EMPHASIS MONTH

**SUNDAY 25
MAY**

P R E S E N T S

WOMEN'S DAY

10:00AM

FOR ALL THE LADIES IN THE PLACE WITH

Style and Grace

Psalm 145:4

Guest Preacher

BISHOP ERIKA D. CRAWFORD

PRESIDING PRELATE

8TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT



DRESS FOR YOUR GENERATION: 1901-1945: BLUE 1965-1979: GREEN 1995-2009: YELLOW
1946-1964: PINK 1980-1994: LAVENDER 2010-NOW: ORANGE

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Volunteer on the Atlanta Habitat Summer Faith Build



Build Community

Join volunteers from the Big Bethel AME community and other local congregations in seven weeks of faith, service, and fellowship.

Saturdays

7:30am-3:30pm

June 7, 21, & 28

July 12, 19, & 26

August 2



Build a Home for Sierra and Her Growing Family

Sierra has just given birth to a new baby!
Help make a difference by creating a
lasting home for them.

Sign Up Today

<https://vhub.at/bigbethel>

Scan the QR code on the right or use the link above to create a profile on VolunteerHub, sign a waiver, and choose the day(s) you want to volunteer on site.



Thrive WORSHIP

& CONVERSATIONS

Join us for worship
in a different way –
through
conversation and
mental check in

It's mental health awareness month, and it's perfectly okay to not be okay. However, there's a community that wants to accept and embrace you. They'll remind you that you're not alone. Come and have a chat.

Worship Fellowship Conversation Service

See you there!

Date: Sunday Nov 24th, 2024
Time: 2pm-3pm
Venue: Big Bethel AMEC
Fellowship Hall

Highlights:

- Inspiring conversation led by mental health expert
- Encouragement from a spiritual leader
- Interactive activities
- Supportive community discussions
- Tools to walk out this mental health journey
- Resources for continued support
- Pack bags and give to the less fortunate

**For questions and resources,
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bigbethelame.org**

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high school seniors.



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SIXTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
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JUNE 23-26, 2025

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SPRING *Convocation* AND PLANNING MEETING

MAY 22-23, 2025

Bishop MICHAEL LEON MITCHELL
CORDELIA DANIEL MITCHELL, Episcopal Supervisor

SAINT PHILIP AME CHURCH

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REV. DR. ANTON ELWOOD, HOST PASTOR



Big Bethel Senior Ministry
is planning a trip to

Lane Peach Orchard June 24, 2025

Please let Sis. Martha Thomas
404-783-2290 know if you are
interested in going by
May 30, 2025

It will be another Fun Trip!



FIRST
Sunday
WHITE & GREEN



SECOND
Sunday
HIGH FASHION
SUNDAY BEST



THIRD
Sunday
DENIM, DIAMONDS
& PEARLS



FOURTH
Sunday
ASSIGNED
GENERATIONAL
COLORS



1901-1945

1965-1979

1995-2009

1946-1964

1980-1994

2010-NOW